

## MINIRIBOZYMES ACTIVE AT LOW MAGNESIUM ION CONCENTRATIONS

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

This invention is directed to a class of miniribozymes, capable of hybridizing with a target RNA to be cleaved and exhibiting very high cleavage rates at low  $Mg^{2+}$  concentration. The miniribozymes may be used *in vitro* or *in vivo*. They may be used as diagnostic or therapeutic agents.

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